

Overview Information for the
FY2004 Region 8 “Consolidated Funding Process (CFP)” Request for Proposals (RFP)

Agency Name: US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, Ecosystem Protection and Water Programs

Funding Opportunity Title: *FY2004 Region 8 Consolidated Funding Process (CFP) RFP*

Announcement Type: Initial Request for Proposals (RFP) for the FY2004 process

CFDA Numbers & Titles:

- 66.463 -- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) -- Water Quality Cooperative Agreements
- 66.436 -- Total Maximum Daily Load program (TMDL) --
Surveys, studies and investigation Grants & Cooperative Agreements -- Section 104(b)(3) of the CWA
- 66.461 -- Wetlands Protection Project Grants -- Wetlands Grants
- 66.610 -- Regional Geographic Initiative (RGI) --
Surveys, studies, investigations and special purpose Grants within the office of the Administrator
- 66.424 -- Source Water -- Surveys, Studies, Demonstrations and Special Purpose, Section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act

Important Dates:

- **Friday, October 3, 2003** – Date for release of FY2004 CFP RFP
- **Mid October** – Date for release of FY2004 Wetlands program Guidance
- **Friday, December 5, 2003 – Date by which proposal must be postmarked!!**
- **Friday, April 2, 2004** – Expected process completion date

Additional Overview - The following information provides a concise description of this funding opportunity:
(*For specific information, please see the full text of the RFP immediately following this overview information*)

Statutory Authority & Eligible Activities: Clean Water Act §104(b)(3)... *“applied research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys, and studies* relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction and elimination of (water) pollution” are eligible activities. The FY2003-2004 Ecosystem Protection Focus Areas are: 1) *“Monitoring and Assessing the health of aquatic ecosystems to improve targeting and effectiveness of program actions”* and 2) *“the San Juan Mountain area in Colorado”*.

Ineligible Activities: routine program implementation, implementation of routine water quality protection or restoration measures, regulatory compliance or mitigation, land acquisition, recreational features such as hiking trails, purchase of vehicles, or completion of work which was to have been completed under a prior grant are NOT eligible.

Anticipated amounts of awards: In the FY2003 CFP funding cycle, EPA Region 8 funded 57 projects out of 145 for a total of \$2,942,000. In FY2004, we expect these numbers to vary based on the budget issued by Congress. Final decisions are dependent on funding availability. Assistance may be available through a grant, cooperative agreement, Inter-Agency Agreement (IAG), or contract support.

Eligible applicants: For the Wetlands Grant program, state, tribal and local governments are eligible. For the other four funding areas: state water pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, other public or nonprofit agencies, institutions, organizations and individuals are eligible. For-profit organizations are NOT eligible to apply directly to EPA for these funds.

Cost Matching: Wetlands grants require 25% match. Match is optional for the other four funding areas.

Pre-Proposal Assistance – Questions regarding this process will only be accepted in writing via email at R8CFP@epa.gov Your request will be responded to within 5 working days.